

Notice of Completion of Inventory of Native American Human Remains and Funerary Objects from Hawaii Under the Control of the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d), of the completion of the inventory of human remains and funerary objects from Hawaii in the control of the U.S. Marine Corps Air station, Kaneohe Bay, HI.

A detailed inventory and assessment of these human remains has been made by the staff of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI, and representatives of *Hui Malama I Na Kupuna 'O Hawai'i Nei* and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The latter two organizations qualify as Native Hawaiian organizations as defined in 25 U.S.C. 3001(11).

The human remains and funerary objects represent a minimum of 1582 individuals and 271 funerary objects and were recovered from the Mokapu Peninsula, Island of Oahu. The majority of the remains were recovered during archaeological excavations conducted in 1938-1940 by Gordon T. Bowles (University of Hawaii) and Kenneth P. Emory (Bishop Museum), and in 1957 by Robert N. Bowen (University of Hawaii). The remainder of the remains were recovered from inadvertent discoveries and archaeological monitoring of construction activities in the peninsula.

A minimum of 1,544 individuals were recovered from pre-contact (prior to 1778) graves. A number of these individuals were represented by incomplete sets of skeletal remains, and several of the isolated individuals represented secondarily deposited incomplete sets of remains removed from their original context. The pre-contact funerary objects included *kupe'e* (wristlets made of dog canines), basalt flakes, marine shells, *kukui* (*Aleurites moluccana*) nuts, and the bones of fish, birds, pigs, dogs, and turtles.

A minimum of 38 individuals were recovered from post-Contact (after 1778) graves during a construction project in 1975. The post-Contact funerary objects included *kupe'e*, and *lei 'opu'u* and *lei niho* (pendants made of calcite, shell, and whale bone), as well as bone and shell buttons, metal fragments, mirror glass, bottle fragments, a metal ring, ivory beads, bone and glass, metal nails, and metal parts of a smoking pipe.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the U.S. Marine Corps have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these remains and present-day Native Hawaiian organizations.

This notice has been sent to officials of *Hui Malama I Na Kupuna 'O Hawai'i Nei* and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Representatives of any other Native Hawaiian organization which believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains and funerary objects should contact Mr. John Bigay, Planner-in-Charge, Pacific Division, Naval engineering Facilities Command, Pearl Harbor, HI, 96860-7300, (808) 471-9338, before April 1, 1994.

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